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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 2345 ACTION SECSTATE INFO COMDT
NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE WASHDC 12 MARCH.

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TAGS: NI, XA, MILI

SUBJECT: WAR COLLEGE NIGERIA VISIT

REF: STATE 53314

1. CHARGE PASSED NWC TRAVEL DATES AND COMMONWEALTH DATES
PARA 2 REFTEL TO OLISEMEKA OF MEA MARCH 12 AND MADE STRONG
PRESENTATION OF IMPORTANCE OF NIGERIAN VISIT TO NWC AFRICAN
GROUP PER PARA 1.

2. OLISEMEKA RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE
ITSELF DID NOT COMMENCE UNTIL APRIL 28 (SIC), THERE WAS MUCH
PREPARATION REQUIRED BEFORE THAT TIME AND PEOPLE WOULD BE
HEAVILY LOADED. HE SAID HE HOPED WASHINGTON DID NOT MIS-
UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM: THE NWC VISIT HAS BECOME A YEARLY
EVENT TOWARD WHICH THE FMG LOOKS WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION.
IT IS NOT FROM ANY LACK OF INTEREST THAT THEY HESITATE NOW;
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IS SIMPLY THAT THE SCHEDULE HAS BECOME EXCEPTIONALLY CROWDED

DURING THIS PERIOD, AND IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW PREPARATIONS
FOR WAR COLLEGE VISIT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITH ALL THE
OTHER REQUIREMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, OLISEMEKA CONCLUDED IN
LIGHT STRONG NWC DESIRE TO COME, MATTER WILL BE SUBMITTED
FOR FURTHER FMG CONSIDERATION AND THEY WILL BE BACK TO US
LATER. CHARGE ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE,
AS WAR COLLEGE ITSELF HAS MANY ARRANGEMENTS AT STAKE.
OLISEMEKA SAID HE WOULD EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION AND IF IT IS
POSSIBLE TO SQUEEZE NWC IN, IT WILL BE DONE; IT MAY BE
DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, AND HE COULD OFFER NO ASSURANCE.
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